STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DLNR ANNOUNCES GOAT HUNTING TO OPEN ON KAUAI

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is pleased to announce the opening of archery, muzzleloader, and regular rifle hunting seasons for feral goats on the island of Kauai. Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123 "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting," the following rules and conditions will be in effect for the hunt:

| | | 2021 KAUF | AI GOAT HUNT | SEASON | | |
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| Hunting Season | Fees | | Unit(s) Open to Hunting | Season Duration | Bag Limits | |
| | Resident | Non-Res. | | | | |
| Archery Season | \$5.00 | \$25.00 | Units F | July through August; Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday & State Holidays | Two goat and one pig per archer per | |
| | | | Unit K | July through August; Saturday, Sunday & State Holidays | Two goats per tag issued and one pig per archer | |
| | | | Unit A | June 5-6, 2021 ONLY | | |
| | | | Units G | Year-round; Daily | No limit; goat and pig Permit Required | |
| Youth, Senior Citizens, and disabled hunters Muzzleloaders Only season | \$5.00 | \$25.00 | Unit A | June 12-13, 2021 ONLY | One goat per tag issued and one pig per hunter per hunting day | |
| Regular Rifle and Muzzleloader Season | \$15.00 | \$30.00 | Units A Muzzleloader Only | June 19 th to August 29, 2021 Saturday and Sunday only (Two weekends/hunter) | Two (2) goats per permit- tag; Two permits issued/ hunter | |
| | | | Units B | May 7 th to August 30, 2021 Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Two slots/hunter) | Two (2) goats per permit- tag; Two permits issued/hunter | |

The State building is currently closed to the public, all hunting applications can be found on https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. Please be aware that the turnaround time after we receive the application could be up to 7 working days. Applications will also be at various Kauai vendors as well as at all hunter check stations.

Payments via mail must be in the form of a personal check or a money order. No cash will be accepted through the mail. <u>All qualified applicants will be issued permits and all application</u> fees and tag fees are non-refundable.

ARCHERY ONLY SEASON: Applications are available at various Kauai vendors all hunter check stations and at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. Validated archery permits will be mailed to each hunter after application has been received. Unit F and K bow hunters must sign-in and sign-out at either the Waimea Heights, Mango Tree or the Kokee Hunter Checking Station. Unit G bow hunters must obtain a Unit G-Archery Pass from the Lihue DOFAW office. Each pass is good for three (3) consecutive days and is free of charge.

<u>Unit A Archery Season:</u> The Unit A archery hunt is one weekend only on, June 5-6, 2021. To prevent over-crowded hunting conditions, a public lottery will be held to assign 175 permits. <u>Hunters must apply using the Unit A Archery application form in order to be drawn for the hunt.</u> Applications will be available on April 5, 2021 at various Kauai vendors all hunter check stations and at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. A \$5 non-refundable processing fee will be charged per applicant. Deadline for the application will be on May 7, 2021 and the lottery will be held on May 12, 2021. Not all applicants are guaranteed to be selected. There will be no standby or transferring of tags. <u>Tags will not be issued over the counter prior to the hunt</u>. Please call the Lihue DOFAW office at (808)274-3433 for more information.

<u>Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen and disabled hunter muzzleloader only season:</u> The Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen and disabled hunter muzzleloader only season is one weekend only, June 12-13, 2021. Applications are available at various Kauai vendors all hunter check stations and at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. Validated permits will be mailed to each hunter after application has been received.

<u>Unit A Muzzleloader Season</u>: Applications are available at various Kauai vendors all hunter check stations and at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. Muzzleloader hunters will be assigned two weekends in the Unit A hunting area through public lottery. Applications for the Muzzleloader season are in conjunction with the rifle season applications. The season duration is June 20th to August 30th on Saturday and Sunday only. The deadline for submitting applications for the muzzleloader hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2021. Specific information may be obtained on the application form.

Hunters are allowed limited access to Hunting Unit A using the "water tank valley" access road or the Polihale road junction below Mana Ridge. Hunters must use the access route to go directly into the hunting area. Hunters must first sign-in at the Polihale Beach, Polihale road junction or Mana Tunnels hunter checking station and sign-out after hunting. Hunters are advised to keep their firearms cased and unloaded while driving through the corn fields. <u>Unit A is open to muzzleload firearms only</u>. For more information on the access, please call the Kauai Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433.

REGULAR RIFLE SEASON: Applications are available at various Kauai vendors all hunter check stations and at https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/. Each Hawaii resident hunter will

be charged \$15.00 which includes processing the lottery application and rifle tag (\$30.00 for non-resident hunter). A maximum of eight (8) hunters may apply together as a hunting group (no exceptions). Rifle hunters will be assigned two weeks. The season duration is May 7th to August 30th on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Specific information may be obtained on the application form. Hunters will have the option of using a conventional rifle, muzzleloader rifle, shotgun, handgun or archery equipment on their assigned hunting week, but may carry only one means of take while actually hunting. The deadline for submitting applications for the regular rifle hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2021. The public drawing to assign hunting dates will be held in the Lihue State Office Building Conference Room at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2020.

Hunters will also be allowed to take pigs on their assigned hunting weekend and the bag limit will be one pig per hunter per day. **Permit-tags are non-transferable between hunters. Hunters must immediately tag their animal upon taking it. Boning of game will be permitted, but the unskinned tail must be left attached to the carcass.** Each firearm hunter is required to wear a blaze-orange shirt or vest, sign-in and out at a hunter checking station, observe legal hunting hours and safety zones and the lawful carriage of firearms during the goat hunting season. Hunters are reminded to review Title 13, Chapter 123 "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting," prior to hunting.

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